Subject No. 105.

Opening of Science and Mathematics Classes in the Maharaja's and the Maharani's Colleges.

Messrs. M. Venkatakrishnaiya and S. Venkatesaiya, Mysore University.

Messrs M. Venkatakrishnaiya and S. Venkatesaiya.—A Science section may be opened both in the Maharaja's College and in the Maharani's College at Mysore as also Mathematics in the Maharaja's College. These may not involve any unnecessary expenditure to Government since, even if students are asked to go to Bangalore, additional accommodation and apparatus etc., will have to be provided. The suggestion may therefore be given effect to early.

First Member of Council.—Science section cannot be opened at Mysore owing to prohibitive cost. If a sufficient number of ladies take up Science in the Maharani's College, a section will be opened. Otherwise, they might go to Bangalore when liberal scholarships will be offered.

Subject No. 106.

Grants to private hostels.

Messrs. B. Kesaviah, T. B. Mallegowda, Chikmagalur Taluk and S. Venkatesaiya Mysore University.

Mr. Kesavaiya.—There are hostels in all places where High Schools have been opened and in respect of all these hostels, Government are meeting the establishment charges, whether these institutions be Government or private. These grants by Government go a long way in reducing the expenditure to be met by students. But we understand that it is now under contemplation to stop the maintenance grants to hostels; if so, the expenditure that will have to be incurred by students will greatly increase and eventually students may have to leave hostels and board in hotels etc. thus frustrating the benign object of Government. We therefore request that Government may be pleased to continue these grants instead of withholding them.

Mr. S. Venkatesaiya.—The policy of withholding grants to these hostels is not a sound one. The result of the proposed step will be that many parents who cannot afford to pay the increased cost of hostel life will be obliged to withdraw their sons from hostels. It has come to our knowledge that many hostels have been closed since these changes were contemplated.

Third Member of Council.—We have only withdrawn the pay of the cooks and menial servants. This is not much.

Mr. M. Venkatesaiya.—Though this is not much from the point of view of Government, to students this is certainly too much when not only you withdraw these but also ask them to pay room rent. And all this goes to the Educational Supervisor. You must therefore take into consideration whether there are more hostels now than before or less. This will prove facts.